Amendments to the claims:

1. (currently amended) A tool assembly, comprising:

at least one tool having a longitudinal length;

a body portion comprising:

an outside shell forming an interior chamber for storing said tool therein; and

an opening in said outside shell, said opening being sized to be only slightly larger than needed to accept said tool or pass said tool therethrough ~~in a direction along said~~ longitudinally ~~length thereof~~ such that a portion of said tool extends from said body portion through said opening when said tool assembly is in condition to be used as a tool; and

at least one carabiner attachment assembly extending from said body portion and constructed and positioned so that said tool extends in a direction away from a body to which the carabiner attachment is attached when said tool is withdrawn from said chamber through said opening, said carabiner attachment comprising at least first and second leg assemblies, with one of said leg assemblies having a selectively openable gate assembly extending therealong.

2. (original) A tool assembly as recited in claim 1, said tool being a plurality of allen wrench-type bit heads.

3. (original) A tool assembly as recited in claim 1, said tool being a plurality of screwdriver heads.

4. (original) A tool assembly as recited in claim 3, said plurality of screwdriver heads comprising at least one flat head screwdriver head and at least one philips head screwdriver head.

5. (original) A tool assembly as recited in claim 4, wherein said at least one flat head screwdriver head is one smaller flat head screwdriver head and one larger flat head screwdriver head and wherein said at least one philips head screwdriver head is one smaller philips head

screwdriver head and one larger philips head screwdriver head.

6. (original) A tool assembly as recited in claim 3, further comprising access means for selective removal and/or selective secured holding of said plurality of screwdriver heads.

7. (original) A tool assembly as recited in claim 6, wherein said access means is a slidable drawer.

8. (original) A tool assembly as recited in claim 6, wherein any one screwdriver head of said plurality of screwdriver heads is selectively removable from said access means and selectively insertable into said opening in said body portion along a portion of said longitudinal length thereof for use of said tool assembly as a screwdriver.

9. (original) A tool assembly as recited in claim 1, said tool comprising a measuring tape.

10. (original) A tool assembly as recited in claim 9, wherein said longitudinal length of said measuring tape is spooled around a dowel rotatably secured within said chamber.

11. (original) A tool assembly as recited in claim 10, wherein said measuring tape has a leading edge at a first end of said longitudinal length extending out of said chamber through said opening in said body portion for selective uncoiling thereof along said longitudinal length for use in conducting measurements.

12. (original) A tool assembly as recited in claim 11, said measuring tape being automatically retractable into said spooled condition within said chamber from said uncoiled state.

13. (original) A tool assembly as recited in claim 12, further comprising retraction prevention means along an outside surface of said body portion for preventing said uncoiled measuring tape from automatically retracting into said chamber.

14. (original) A tool assembly as recited in claim 13, further comprising full-retraction prevention means for preventing said leading edge of said measuring tape from being fully retracted into said chamber.

15. (original) A tool assembly as recited in claim 14, said full-retraction prevention means comprising a stop secured to said leading edge of said measuring tape, said stop sized to be larger than the size of said opening in said body portion.

16. (original) A tool assembly as recited in claim 1, said gate assembly comprising a pin and a gate arm, said gate arm being selectively pivotable about said pin.

17. (original) A tool assembly as recited in claim 1, said gate assembly comprising a resilient gate arm extending from said body portion.

18. (currently amended) A screwdriver handle assembly, comprising:

a screwdriver set including at least one elongate screwdriver head;

a body portion having ~~an~~ a first opening adapted for receiving said screwdriver head lengthwise therein; and

a first leg having a selectively openable gate assembly extending therealong, said first leg extending from a first section of said body portion;

a second leg extending from a second section of said body portion; and

a third leg extending between and connecting said first and second legs, wherein said first, second and third legs define ~~an~~ a second opening therebetween when said gate assembly is in a closed position, said first and second opening being disposed relative to each other so that said screwdriver head extends in a direction away from said second opening when in a position of use.

19. (previously presented) A screwdriver handle assembly as recited in claim 18, said screwdriver head extending in a direction substantially away from said opening.

20. (previously presented) A screwdriver handle assembly as recited in claim 19, said screwdriver set comprising a plurality of interchangeable screwdriver heads selectively receivable within said opening in said body portion.

21. (original) A screwdriver handle assembly as recited in claim 20, said plurality of interchangeable screwdriver heads comprising at least one flat head screwdriver head and at least one philips head screwdriver head.

22. (original) A screwdriver handle assembly as recited in claim 21, wherein said at least one flat head screwdriver head is one smaller flat head screwdriver head and one larger flat head screwdriver head and wherein said at least one philips head screwdriver head is one smaller philips head screwdriver head and one larger philips head screwdriver head.

23. (original) A screwdriver handle assembly as recited in claim 18, said gate assembly comprising a pin and a gate arm, said gate arm being selectively pivotable about said pin.

24. (original) A screwdriver handle assembly as recited in claim 18, said gate assembly comprising a resilient gate arm extending from said body portion.

25. (currently amended) A tape measure handle assembly, comprising:

an elongate measuring tape;

a body portion having an interior chamber for enclosing said measuring tape therein and an opening allowing a length of said measuring tape to extend lengthwise therethrough from said chamber of said body portion; and

at least one carabiner attachment assembly extending from said body portion and away from said opening at a point remote therefrom, comprising at least first and second leg assemblies, with one of said leg assemblies having a selectively openable gate assembly extending therealong.

26. (currently amended) A tape measure handle assembly as recited in claim 25, said

body portion, comprising:

an outside shell forming said interior chamber; and

said opening extending through said outside shell through to said interior chamber in a direction substantially away from said ~~opening defined by said legs~~carabiner.

27. (original) A tape measure handle assembly as recited in claim 26, said measuring tape having a longitudinal length spooled around a dowel rotatably secured within said chamber.

28. (original) A tape measure handle assembly as recited in claim 27, wherein said measuring tape has a leading edge at a first end of said longitudinal length extending out of said chamber through said opening in said body portion for selective uncoiling thereof along said longitudinal length for use in conducting measurements.

29. (original) A tape measure handle assembly as recited in claim 28, said measuring tape being automatically retractable into said spooled condition within said chamber from said uncoiled state.

30. (original) A tape measure handle assembly as recited in claim 29, further comprising retraction prevention means along an outside surface of said body portion for preventing said uncoiled measuring tape from automatically retracting into said chamber.

31. (original) A tape measure handle assembly as recited in claim 30, further comprising full-retraction prevention means for preventing said leading edge of said measuring tape from being fully retracted into said chamber.

32. (original) A tape measure handle assembly as recited in claim 31, said full-retraction prevention means comprising a stop secured to said leading edge of said measuring tape, said stop sized to be larger than the size of said opening in said body portion.

33. (original) A tape measure handle assembly as recited in claim 25, said gate assembly comprising a pin and a gate arm, said gate arm being selectively pivotable about said

pin.

34. (original) A tape measure handle assembly as recited in claim 25, said gate assembly comprising a resilient gate arm extending from said body portion.

35. (currently amended) A ~~carabiner~~ tool assembly, comprising:

a tool having a longitudinal length;

a body portion having an opening sized to be only slightly larger than needed to accept said tool or pass said tool therethrough ~~in a direction along said~~ longitudinally ~~length of said tool~~ such that a portion of said tool extends from said body portion through said opening when said tool assembly is in condition to be used as a tool; and

at least one carabiner attachment assembly extending from said body portion and constructed and positioned so that said tool extends in a direction away from a body to which the carabiner attachment is attached when said tool is withdrawn from said chamber through said opening, said carabiner attachment comprising at least first and second leg assemblies, with one of said leg assemblies having a selectively openable gate assembly extending therealong.

36. (original) A carabiner tool assembly as recited in claim 35, said tool being a screwdriver.

37. (original) A carabiner tool assembly as recited in claim 36, said screwdriver comprising a dual-head screwdriver bit.

38. (original) A carabiner tool assembly as recited in claim 37, said dual-head screwdriver bit comprising a flat screwdriver head and a philips screwdriver head.

39. (original) A carabiner tool assembly as recited in claim 37, said dual-head screwdriver bit comprising a first allan wrench head and a second allan wrench head.

40. (original) A carabiner tool assembly as recited in claim 35, said gate assembly comprising a pin and a gate arm, said gate arm being selectively pivotable about said pin.

41. (original) A carabiner tool assembly as recited in claim 35, said gate assembly comprising a resilient gate arm extending from said body portion.